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BAA ANNOUNCES MARCH TRAFFIC FIGURES

BAA's seven UK airports handled a total of 9.7 million passengers in March, a decrease of 3.1% compared with March 2002, due to the Easter holidays falling much later this year and the impact of the war in the Middle East.

It is not possible to accurately assess the impact of the many varied events affecting the March traffic figures - Middle Eastern hostilities, SARS and the effect of the late Easter holidays - but our internal planning assumption was that the timing of Easter would reduce traffic by between 2-3% in the month of March.

Heathrow was the worst affected by the war and change of Easter dates, down 8.1%, followed by Gatwick, down 6.2% and Aberdeen dropped 1.3%. Other BAA airports experienced traffic growth, with Stansted up 17.4%, Glasgow up 4.6%, Edinburgh up 6.1% and Southampton grew by 1.7%.

For the month, North Atlantic traffic dropped 8.9% and other long haul routes fell by 12.4%. European charter traffic was down 10.2% largely reflecting the movement of the Easter break.

The number of air transport movements rose 2.4% in March compared to last year and cargo added 5.1%, totalling 0.15 million metric tonnes.

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Full financial year

In BAA's full financial year (1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003), traffic was up 4.7%

against the previous year with growth at Heathrow, up 4.3%, Stansted up 18.9%,

Edinburgh up 13.1%, Glasgow up 7.7% and Aberdeen up 0.9%.

Gatwick, down 2.8%, continued to be worst impacted by the knock on effect of

September 11, 2001 and Southampton fell by 5.5%. Domestic routes performed

well for the year, up 11.3%, followed by European scheduled routes, up 5.6%,

and Irish routes up 2.7%. North Atlantic and other long haul traffic gained a little

ground, up 0.9% and 0.6% respectively.

In BAA's financial year, air transport movements rose by 1% and cargo rose by

5.9%, with 1.7 million tonnes of cargo transported through the seven UK airports.

For further information on BAA plc see www.baa.com

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BAÁ Traffic Summary : March 2003

Terminal		%	Financial Year	%
Passengers (000s)	Month	Change*	12 months to Mar 2003	Change**
Heathrow	4,861.1	-8.1	62,954.2	4.3
Gatwick	2,135.5	-6.2	29,641.8	- 2.8
Stansted	1,332.0	17.4	16,745.7	18.9
London Area Total	8,328.6	-4.3	109,341.7	4.2
Southampton	63.2	1.7	794.4	-5.5
Glasgow	560.3	4.6	7,900.8	7.7
Edinburgh	595.5	6.1	7,072.4	13.1
Aberdeen	195.2	-1.3	2,574.5	0.9
Scottish Total	1,351.0	4.3	17,547.7	8.7
BAA Total	9,742.7	-3.1	127,683.9	4.7

Air Transport		%	Financial Year	%
Movements	Month	Change*	12 months to Mar 2003	Change**
Heathrow	38,265	-0.0	461,135	1.2
Gatwick	18,392	0.5	237,301	-0.6
Stansted	13,672	21.9	161,934	7.8
London Area Total	70,329	3.8	860,370	1.8
Southampton	2,184	-3.7	27,831	-1.9
Glasgow	6,878	3.0	88,734	-2.6
Edinburgh	8,723	-0.9	106,210	4.4
Aberdeen	6,319	-5.2	80,980	-6.1
Scottish Total	21,920	-1.0	275,924	-1.1
BAA Total	94,433	2.4	1,164,125	1.0

Cargo		%	Financial Year	%
(Metric Tonnes)	Month	Change*	12 months to Mar 2003	Change**
Heathrow	111,287	5.2	1,253,055	7.4
Gatwick	20,959	-5.7	240,080	-8.7
Stansted	17,701	17.0	192,154	15.1
London Area Total	149,947	4.8	1,685,289	5.6
Southampton	25	-19.4	380	12.9
Glasgow	239	1.2	5,427	0.6
Edinburgh	1,821	50.7	23,041	48.6
Aberdeen	286	-14.9	3,607	-14.3
Scottish Total	2,346	31.7	32,075	27.7
BAA Total	152,318	5.1	1,717,744	5.9

Above data excludes Air Taxi passengers and Air Taxi movements.

^{*} compared to the month of March 2002

^{**} compared to the twelve months to March 2002

Market Comparison: March 2003

	BAA Total	BAA Total	
Market	Mar-02	Mar-03	
	(000s)	(000s)	% Change
Domestic	1,948	2,081	6.8
Eire	515	500	-2.8
European Scheduled	3,741	3,716	-0.7
European Charter*	797	716	-10.2
North Atlantic	1,439	1,312	-8.9
Other Long Haul	1,617	1,417	-12.4
Total	10,058	9,743	-3.1

Market Comparison: Financial Year 2002-03

Market	BAA Total Apr 01 - Mar 02 (000s)	BAA Total Apr 02 - Mar 03 (000s)	% Change
Domestic	22,178	24,674	11.3
Eire	6,153	6,318	2.7
European Scheduled	44,701	47,222	5.6
European Charter*	13,336	13,647	2.3
North Atlantic	17,655	17,819	0.9
Other Long Haul	17,897	18,005	0.6
Total	121,920	127,684	4.7

^{*} includes North African Charter

Note: Origins and destinations are classified according to ultimate origin or destination of aircraft in the case of multi sector flights

Note: Figures for the market sectors have been rounded. Totals as per Traffic Summary